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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Director, National Reconnaissance Office  
**VIA:** Deputy Director (Research)  
**SUBJECT:** CORONA Coverage of the ABM  
Installations on Kamchatka

1. The Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency has submitted to the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR) a proposal that September CORONA missions conducted, if feasible operationally, when weather is favorable to cover the anti-ballistic missile installations on Kamchatka.

2. The COMOR noted the fact that requirements for coverage of the ABM facilities on Kamchatka have not been met despite coverage [redacted] CORONA missions.

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3. The COMOR took note of certain operational factors:

a. That the weather over this area of Kamchatka improves in October and November but it is still marginal for photography.

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b. That change of inclination angle from [redacted] must be accomplished [redacted] days before launch.

4. The COMOR concludes:

a. That the ABM installations on Kamchatka are currently the highest priority targets for CORONA coverage in all of the Soviet.

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b. That a maximum effort should be made to obtain CORONA coverage of the ABM installations on Kamchatka in October or early November 1962.

6. Recommendation: That, at the earliest opportunity, a CORONA shot subsequent to the one now scheduled for 8 September be so fired as to provide maximum probability of successful photography of ABM targets on Kamchatka.



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Chairman  
Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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Signed Herbert Scoville Jr.

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